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DOE/LANL Land Conveyances and Transfers - Progress Over 20 Years

Before any transfer or conveyance actions, DOE owned approximately 45 square miles (28,800 acres) and most of this comprised Los Alamos National Laboratory. Since 1999, under Public Law 105-119, DOE/LANL has conveyed 4.8 square miles (3072 acres) of property to Los Alamos County and 6 acres to the Los Alamos School District. In addition, 3.2 square miles (2,048 acres) and has been transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the Pueblo de San Ildefonso.

These areas are no longer part of the LANL footprint, thus shrinking the size of the Laboratory. Several areas conveyed to Los Alamos County have subsequently been or are in the process of being developed. The remaining DOE/LANL land ownership is now about 40 square miles (25,600 acres). Land conveyances will continue under Public Law 105-119. Remaining tracts that may be conveyed by 2022 include: parts of TA-21 (up to 250 acres); Rendija Canyon (890 acres); a 24-acre tract in Bayo Canyon; the White Rock Wye and NM 4 between the wye and East Jemez Road (150 acres); in total about 2 square miles.

The most recent conveyances happened in January 2018 and included 30 acres along DP Road that is suitable for commercial and industrial uses, and tracts between East Road and DP and Los Alamos Canyons, that are mostly suitable for open space. The accompanying map attachment (LA-UR-06- 8860) shows the status of the Land Conveyance and Transfer Program.

Conveyance of the TA-21 tracts are subject to the remediation schedule set by DOE EM and N3B. Conveyance of Rendija Canyon for open space and recreational uses depends on resolving deed restrictions. The most likely lands to be conveyed this calendar year or next are those comprising the White Rock Wye and NM 4 between the wye and East Jemez Road; and the Bayo Canyon parcel.

Tracts conveyed over the past 15 years include lands now developed and being developed. The Smiths Marketplace is situated on part of former Tract A-11. One-Hundred Sixty homes are being built in White Rock on part of former Tract A-19, which also includes the fire station and Visitor Center. The former DOE Building site has been proposed for market rate apartments, and another tract near the DP Road/Trinity intersection for affordable housing apartments.

The Land Conveyance and Transfer Program is funded by the DOE and supported by the Laboratory's Environmental Stewardship Group. The process for conveying land involves over 30 steps that include environmental reviews, radiation dose sampling and assessments, and environmental records searches and reports. The DOE/NNSA Field Office and the County Administrator meet regularly to address and resolve issues prior to preparing final boundary plats and deeds. In summary, the Land Conveyance and Transfer Program is meeting to intent of Congress to provide lands that enable community self-sufficiency through economic diversification, and providing lands for historic, cultural, and environmental preservation.

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